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\$45,000 IN PLUMBERS' GRAFT

EXAMINERS THAT THE MAYOR FIRED ARE ACCUSED.

If You Paid Enough You Got a Licen Whether Competent or Not, Says W. P. O'Cannell of Nagle's District-One Who Falled Sues to Get \$300 Back.

William F. O'Connell, a master plumber. declared before Justice Murray in the Third District Municipal Court yesterday that in the last three years he had deverei \$45,000 in graft to members of the examining board for master plumbers' The members of that board, John J. Moore, Bartholomew F. Donohue and John J. Dunn. were turned out of fice last February by Mayor Gavnor.

Moore and Donohue with O'Connell ere defendants in an action brought W Henry J. Mehlkop, a plumber living at 4741 Richardson avenue, Wakefield. recover \$300. Mehlkop testified that he had contributed this amount with the inderstanding that he was to receive a master plumber's license and didn't get it. The first two defendants were surprised when they learned that O'Connell was to testify for the plaintiff.

Examined by Lawyer Quigley of Gardiner & Quigley O'Connell admitted the receipt of the \$300 from Mehlkop and leclared that he had turned over \$200 to Moore, who, he added, gave \$100 to Donohue

"It feels good " was the remark Moore made on receiving the money, O'Connell

O'Connell told Justice Murray that he was willing to pay back his share to Donohue and Moore did the same. The two latter on the stand denied ever having received the money. Moore admitted having met Mehlkop last August and talket with him about Mehlkop's ination and license.

Mehlkop testified that he gave O'Connell the money on July 9, 1907. He took the examination the following January. out never received his license.

Mehlkop told me he had given O'Connell the \$300 for the license," Moore said on the stand, "but I told him he was a fool and must have been a millionaire to be able to give away so much money.

Moore had been a member of the examining board since the beginning of 1907. He is a journeyman plumber living at 1725 Park avenue. Donohue, who is a master plumber at 1100 Park avenue, was appointed to the hoard in December of that year. He belongs to the Tammany organization of the Twenty-seventh Assembly district, of which Thomas Rush Moore comes from Percy Nagle's district and is head of an asso-Connell, who gives 1700 Third avenue

as his address, also was prominent in arrested for assaulting Police Captain Cornelius Leary when the latter was a plain clothes man, and he was sentenced three years in prison. Since his release he has been very active in affairs relating to plumbers' unions

For two years O'Connett was a teacher Here he met any number of candidates. he said, who were willing to "put up" to get a license to do plumbing

Mchikop was a student at the school O'Connell testifled. "I took the \$300 The other \$100 went to me."

be squeezed for more money. "I've sent out into the country. in 300 names in three years and collected on forty-seven," he said

onnell then read off a list of names of men who he said had paid for liceness | Red Hazy Light Surrounded It-Pante and of them. O'Connell declared, paid \$300 to \$450.

in this city and 3,000 of them are journeymen Now in the last ten years since in the morning. master plumbers have been licensed there have been 5,000 licenses issued. That will long and spread out at the end like a fan. ners have been getting. I've been the outside man, the unofficial member of the board for eight years and ! ought to

O'Connell produced a letter which he said was written to Moore by Percy Nagle It was on Aldermanic stationery and read

FRIEND JOHN -As I explained to you are anxious to see Michael Leich get This should be done. Will you lesse consult the other members of the hard and put it through to-day?

The signature was cramped in a corner

and was difficult to read. "That letter was to fool Dunn," said O Connell. "That letter was to make him think it was a personal request of Percy

O'Connell said the examinations were farcical. "What is lead?" was one of the official questions, and the answer required was he declared. "A metal freely used in plumbing." He said that when he turned money for a candidate he was aways furnished with a copy of the offidal questions for the coming examinations for the benefit of the candidate he was mishing through.

I'd get the official answering paper he declared," when the fellow was to dull to remember the questions then I'd write out the questions and let him fill out his official answering paper. He would take that to the examination Pantooset, owned by A. S. Bigelow of and make a biuff about writing on the laper he would receive. Then he would

DEWEY'S FINE OLD MADERIA WINE. delicious dessert wine.

BORG NIAGARA PALLS AND RETURN

turn in the paper he had brought prepared. RABBI MAGNES WILL RETIRE had passed.

Two months ago the members of Local No. 488 of the Plumbers and Gas Fitters Union, anxious to learn who was to blame for the issue of plumbers' licenses regardeas of the qualification of the recip started an investigation. O'Connell and Moore both belong to this local. O'Connell was selected as investigator.

"It was like setting the boy who stok the pie to catch the boy who stole it," he said with a laugh.

NEW PENSION AGENT. Col. Loveland's Appointment to Succee

Gen. Kerwin Looked For. President Lloyd Griscom of the New York Republican county committee said

just night that he had signed the petition of Col. Frank C. Loveland to be pension agent here in place of Gen. Michael Kerwin, who has held the place for twelve years. Mr. Griscom further said that Senator Root and Representative William Bennet and others of the New York epublican Congress delegation favored the selection of Col. Loveland, who years ago held the place. He was Gen. Ker-

win's immediate predecessor.

President McKinley appointed Gen. Kerwin on the recome dation of the lete Senator Thomas C. Platt and President Roosevelt continued the appoint-

President Taft has been importuned not to displace Gen. Kerwin, but he has referred Gen. Kerwin's friends to Senator Olcott. Col. Loveland is an Ohioan by in all the Reformed Mebrew churches, birth and is a member of the Loyal Legion, the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Union League and Republican clubs and the Ohio Society

PRESIDENT VIEWS THE COMET Through Hig Telescope in Naval Chserva-

tory and Then Looks at the Moon. WASHINGTON, May 23. - President Taft and Mrs. Taft viewed the comet to-night To the President and Board of Trustees of the through a 26 inch telescope at the Naval Observatory. They did not have a very good view of it owing to the haziness of the night, but they were able to get a glimpse of the tail.

The White House comet party left the observatory in a big touring car at about 8 o'clock. In the party besides the President and Mrs. Taft were Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, head of the Insular Bureau of the War Department; Mrs. Edwards Charles P. Taft, the President's brother and Capt Archibald W. Butt, the President's military aide. John Hays Hammond, the mining engineer, joined the party at the observatory.

Capt. P. Ten Eyck De Witt Veeder operintendent of the observatory, and Peof. Asuch Hall, who has been in charge of the comet observations, met the President and those with him on their arrival at the observatory. The largest telescope n the observatory had been focussed on party arrived and they were able to step up into the observatory and look at the heavenly visitor without delay. The comet was easily visible to the naked eye and it was possible also to see the faint servations without a glass very meatis-

The comet, when the President and Mrs. of plumbing in the National Trade School Taft viewed it, was in the western sky remedy suggested in my sermon. But I shout half way between the zenith and the zenith. The moon, nearly full, was the existence of the the Taft party were in the observatory. and after they had got tired of gazing at O'Connell testified. "I took the \$300 and after they had got tired of gazing at and a closer approach to the sources of from him to get him a certificate of com- the celestial visitor with the filmy tall Judaism. On condition that such an indipetency and permit him to practise piumb, they turned the powerful glass upon the cation can be given me by the congregation I met Moore and Donohue and told moon and gazed into his face. Then I shall be willing to continue to occupy its them of the man's qualifications and they they looked in turn at Jupiter with his id they would put him over for \$200. satellites and at the twin stars. It was about 9 o'clock when the President and O'Connell declares that he has any his party were at the observatory. Had amount of evidence of graft. He says they remained until 10:30 they might cases for licenses, their addresses, the eclipse of the moon. After about half dates of their payments and the dates an hour in the observatory, however, of successive payments when they could the White House party left for a ride

THE COMET IN THE TROPICS.

in Central America. MOBILE, May 23 -The Norwegian None of these fellows knew the first steamship Verona arrived here to-day thing about plumbing," said he, "although from Port Limon, Costa Rica. Capt. the law says an applicant for a license Oxholm gives an interesting account of must have served five years as a plumber's the view obtained of the comet while on helper and two years as a journeyman the way to the southern port. He said qualify There are 4,000 plumbers that on the night of May 1s the comet was most plainly visible about 2 o'clock

The tail seemed to be hundreds of miles gray you an idea of the graft these exam- The comet itself was surrounded with a red hazy light

Capt. Oxholm said that the natives Port Limon were in a panic and for days refused to work. Speaking of the earthquake at Cartago, he expressed the opinion that the town would not be re-

PARIS CATCHES A QUAKE.

But It Was Nearly 6,000 Miles Away -Maybe Japan Felt It.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Pages, May 23.—The seismographs at the Paris observatory registered a severe earthquake shock at 6:48 o'clock this eve-

The observers calculate that the disturbance was about 5,900 miles distant, probably near the coast of Japan.

WANAMAKER GIFT TO PARIS. Dolls in Old Time Costumes Presented to

the Musee Carnavalet. cial Cable Despatch to Tun Sun. Panis, May 23.-John Wanamaker has presented to the great municipal museum known as the Musée Carnavalet a unique, line on June 17 for his regular vacation collection of dolls costumed after the of three months. period of Louis XIV. and XV.

Cuban Gunbeat in Port.

The Cuban revenue cutter and gunboat Hatuey, which was originally the yacht Boston, arrived resterday from Havana and went to anchor in the North River. After her commander, Capt. Francisco , pays his respects to the Cuban sul here the Hatusy will sail for Bath, for an overhauling. She carries a of thirty men, measures 538 tems

TEMPLE EMANU-EL CONGREGA-

TION VOTES WITH TRUSTEES. He Preaches a Return to Traditional

Letter of Resignation Bo Accepted.

sparsely attended

Judaism. His position, in the view of the pass them quick enough. trustees, amounted to a counter reform einstitution of the study of the Hebrew reestablishment of the Hebrew confirmation for boys (bar mitsvah), the establishment of adult classes for the study of Hebrew literature and an abandonment Root and Representatives Bennet and of the union prayer book used at present in which, according to his characterization, reform approaches its petrifaction and the substitution therfor of the traditional Jewish prayer book.

The matter has been simmering since the sermon was preached and a week ago Rab bi Magnes sent this letter to the

Temple Emanu-Bl, New York. GENTLEMEN I have learned from a com-

ittee designated at an informal conferenof your board that a majority of the board in my Passover sermon! and that the opinion considerable part of the congregation a

When I accepted the invitation in 1900 to become one of the rabbis of Congregation Emanu-El it was explicitly atlpulated that was to have the right to give free and unammelled expression to my convictions recognized at the same time the right of he congregation to signify its disagreemes with any opinions I might have, and it was sever my relations with the congregation vienever I found myself unable to reconrregation adhered.

What I said in my Passover sermo roices convictions which so long as I should continue to be your rabbi I would feel ound to advocate in order to bring about the comet before the President and his a genuine reform of Judaism by a revivifiation of its true spirit and sacred tradihan to induce this congregation to revert much abased term is commonly understood. A decorous service, with family pews, outlines of a tail, but the bage made ob- reasonable use of the Foglish vernacular and all possible conformity with the spirit earnest supporter. Nor am I unwilling to discuss the efficacy of each and every the horizon, with the tail pointing toward indication that the congregation recognizes conditions I have just appearing above the horizon when pointed out and that relief must in large measure be sought through a clomusion with the whole House of (srael

malpit. that I am not to expect its cooperation in accomplishing the purpose I cherish, then am constrained, with regret but without he has a book with the names of candi- have viewed the beginning of the total to the rabbinate of the congregation at the xpiration of my present term.

Thanking you for your many acts of artesy and with the sincere hope that ongregation Emanu-El may be a great nce for good in Judialsm, I am, ver ruly yours. May 16, 1910

On receipt of the latter the trustees held several meetings and decided to recommend that the congregation sever its relations with Dr. Magnes. When the annual meeting of the congregation was opened Jacob H. Schiff, who is a member of the church but not of the board, arose and made a brief speech advising those present of the importance of the decision they were about to make and recommend

ing quiet, serious action. The board then presented their endation to the effect that Rabbi Magnes had offered conditions which they were unable to accept and therefore they proposed that there be no election of a rabbi on October 1, when his term expires. The congregation decided unanimously to accept this recommendation of the trustees when the letter from the rabbi had

been read. There was no balloting. It was decided that a commit posed of the board of trustees and such sembers of the congregation as they should call in for cooperation should consider the choice of some rabbi to whom a call will be sent. Dr. Joseph Silverman the chief rabbi, holds over until this same committee shall take such action as it sees fit toward his reelection.

dent of the board, M. H. Moses vice-president, Henry Sidenberg, Louis Marchall and ex-Judge Leventritt to the board of trustees. This leaves the board the same as for the year just passed. President James Seligman was the only memher of the board not present last night. Beaides those mentioned above were Schafer, A. J. Ditten-Daniel Guggenheim and W./I. Spiegelberg. Dr. Magnes sails for Pales-

Dr. Magnes, who was called to the Temple in 1908, presched in November, 1907, shortly after the marriage of Trustee Louis Stern's daughter to the Baron Leo von Graffenried, a Catholic, a sermon deploring the marriage of Jews with Chris-Trustee Stern resigned a few nontha later.

Dr. Magnes came from the Temple Israel, Brooklyn. He is a native of San Francisco, 33 years old, and is prominent in the American Federation of Zionista

HARRIMAN GIFT ACCEPTED.

Senate Passes the Four Palisades Park Bills Almost Unanimously.

ALBANY, May 23.-The Harriman gift and the Palisades Park extension series of four bills passed the Senate to-night. Standards of Judaism Majority of They have already passed the Assembly the Board Recommends That His and now go to Gov. Hughes for his approval, which is certain, as he advocated these measures in his annual message At the annual meeting of the trustees to the Legislature. George W. Perkins and congregation of the Temple Emanu- and J. Du Pratt White of the Palisades El at Fifth avenue and Forty-third street Interstate Park Commission were on last night action was taken which it is the job in the Senate chamber bright and expected will be followed by the retire- early to-night and buttonholed every ment of Judah Leon Magnes as associate Senator as he entered the chamber rabbi of the temple. The meeting was As a result the opposition to the bills dwindled to nothing, and no bills ever On. April 24 Dr. Magnes preached a had an easier passage through the Senate sermon in which he set forth clearly than did these four measures to-night. his views on the subject of reform in The Senate acted as though it could not

Despite the fact that the Senate wa and puts him in opposition to the general in session for an hour, from 10 to 11 direction which this church and others of o'clock to-night, and did but little work the Jewish reform movement have been on the calendar, the four Odell bills were upholding. His programme includes: A taken up and disposed of by general consent, so that Mr. Perkins might go back anguage in Sunday school lessons, a to New York happy and contented. There was no objection to reconsidering the vote by which the Odell bill, committing the State to the bond issue of \$2,506,000 to improve and extend the Palisades next fall's election, was lost last week.

Then the bill was passed by a vote of 47 to 3 Senators Allen Cobb and Hinman.

The Odell bill accepting the \$1,000,000 ash gift and 10,000 acres of forest land in Orange and Rockland counties from Mrs. Harriman was passed by a vote of 45 to 2-Senators Cobb and Hinman The bill permitting the abandonment of the Bear Mountain Sing Sing Prison site and turning it over to the Palisades Park Commission was passed by a vote of 47 the ball went through De Lesseps' to 2-Senators Alt and Hinman, and the fourth bill permitting the selection of another site was passed by a vote of 45 to 1-Senator Hinman.

WILL SAVE \$1,000,000 A YEAR.

Government to Wash Germs From Silver Certificates and Not Bestroy Them. Washington, May 23. The Treasury Department is going to wash the microb from one dellar silver certificates so that they can be restored to circulation and is hoped that he will be about in a few

not destroyed as at present. The scheme is a product of the brain of Assistant Secretary Norton. He submitted the idea of washing the paper money to Director Ralph of the bureau of engraving and printing and later to a committee consisting of C. S. Pearce of the division of loans, G. K. Leet, his private secretary, and Brandon Smith, the Departmen

The committee found that about 80 per cent. of the paper money now destroyed can be saved by washing and put back into circulation after it is properly sterilized. Only silver certificates of the land has always found in me an can be washed, because the ink in yellowbacks and national bank notes will not permit of such an operation.

The laundry machin may save through their use about \$1,000. 000 a year. One machine will be installed at each Sub-Treasury

FRANCE STORM SWEPT.

Also Shaken by Earthquake Lives Lost and Vineyards Laid Waste.

pecial Cable Desputches to TWE SUN Panis, May 23 .- Hurricanes and tor rential rains continue to sweep over This afternoon Thonon-les-France. Bains was visited by a storm which was followed by a waterspout. Three persons were killed. The municipal building was washed away and the body of a brother of the Mayor was carried miles

Reims, in the Department of the Marne was visited by a hurricane. Several sections of the railroad were washed out. The famous vineyards near Epernay in the same department were devastated. Great damage was caused in this latter section

In the Department of Tarn there wer similar disturbances, while seismic shocks were felt at Agde, in the Department of Herault.

PARIS, May 24. Thunderstorms empanied by a wind of almost evelonic fury continued throughout the night and numerous deaths in various parts of France have been reported.

NEW YORKERS IN WRECK. Seventeen Passengers Hurt When South

ern Railway Train Leaves Rails. Washington, May 28.—The Southern Railway Limited Express, bound from Atlanta to Washington, while making fifty miles an hour jumped the track at Cedar Run Bridge, near Catlett, Fauquier county, Va., at 5:30 o'clock this aftersoon. The engine and tender and four Pullman cars were derailed and seven teen passengers were injured, none of

them seriously The cause of the accident is unknown but it is believed to have been due to opreading rails. None of the cars was overturned, but four of them ploughed along over the ties and through the roadbed for almost a hundred yards before they came to a standstill. The observa tion car, the last one of the train, was the only car that remained on the track. A relief train was sent out to pick up the passengers and they arrived in this city at 9:30 o'clock to-night. The Southarn Railroad had a physician ready to attend the injured, but most of the wound and bruises were superficial and all of the passengers were able to continue

their journey. Those injured include James Clark 55 Wall street, New York; Miss Marietta Walsh, 147 West Twenty-first street, New York; W. W. Tower, 450 West End avenue, New York; Mrs. E. B. Tower, same ad-Areas: Mrs. J. S. Van Loan, Park Avenue Hotel, New York.

GO TO GARDEN CITY TO-DAY. See the fastest selling country-home propround New York. More than half a ollars worth of residence plots have been sold a larden City during the last 10 days. Learn why TWO WOUNDED IN PARIS DUEL

DE LESSEPS AND COUNT POLIGNY BOTH STOP BULLETS.

Sala, the Disgruntled Painter, in a Three Cornered Combat-No Blood Brawn in Exchange of Shots With Brother Humorists-Not Much Satisfaction.

Special Cable Despatches to Tun Stat. Pants, May 23 .- Three pistol duels ere fought here this morning; fortunately only one of them had serious results The one accompanied by actual bloodshed was fought at Princes Park between Lieut. Ismael de Lesseps and the Count de Poligny, who have met twice before on the field of honor without serious result.

The first encounter some months ago be called off after it was under way because Poligny suffered an accident to his leg and could not continue the use of his sword. The second meeting took place a few weeks ago, but while it began with swords it had to be continued with pistols without result.

The whole trouble grew originally out of a private quarrel, but this morning's encounter was the direct result of a letter Park, provided the people approve at published by De Lesseps in a newspaper The conditions of the duel were more severe than on the previous occasions. Only sixteen meters separated the com-

At half past 8 the men faced each

other and at the command to fire two shots were exchanged. As they were without result, fresh pistols were provided and De Lesseps fired. His bulle struck the barrel of Poligny's weapon and, glancing, entered the shoulder of his opponent. It caused a bad contusion.

A second later Poligny fired and right thigh and lodged in the left near the femoral artery. The wounded man staggered and was about to fall when he was supported by friends and carried to

When he reached home a surgeon was hurriedly summoned and an operation was performed, with the result that the bullet was extracted. De Lesseps refused to have chloroform stered and while he must have suffered great pain he made no complaint. His wound is serious, but it is not believed that it will have fatal results. It

The other duels were between the painter Jean Sala and two brothers, Max and Alex. Fischer, writers of humorous They are well known in society and only a short time ago they wer painted together by Sala and the portrait was hung in the salon. Sala considered imself insulted by an article written by the Fischers apropos of Sala's attempts to destroy his own pictures. The duel followed.

When the men met in Princes Park at 11:20 this morning Sala first faced Max Fischer. Two shots were fired without The artist then exchanged shots result. with Alex., but neither was hurt.

Paris, May 24. - Lieut. de Lesseps spent bad night in a local hospital. He suf- evening. fered from abundant hemorrhages seems weak

JOHN DALZELL INSURGES. He Opposes Provision Enlarging Powers

of Tariff Board and It is Defeated. WASHINGTON, May 23 .- Representative John Dalzell of Pennsylvania, who has seen in Congress twenty-three years, proke a long record for regularity to-day when he jumped the reservation and "in surged" against the provision in the sundry civil bill enlarging the powers of to fifty-seven, which is the smallest so the Tariff Board. Although this provision far. has the indorsement of the Administration and the House organization it was bitterly contested by Mr. Dalzell and it is generally admitted that it was his speech that resulted in the elimination of the paragraph from the bill. For the first time probably in his career Mr. Daizell was applauded by the Democrats, who are practically united in their opposition to the proposal to broaden the powers of the Tariff Board. The regular insurgents were very much amused at Mr. Dalzell, who did not appear to relish the applause of his Demo

eratic and insurgent brethren. The Taria Board provision was omeideration throughout the day in the House. A point of order was made against it by Representative Fitzgerald of New York. He took the position that the Tariff Roard provision constituted new legislation and accordingly was obportous to the rule debarring general legislation in appropriation bills. sentatives Tawney of Minnesota, Keifer and Douglass of Ohio and others took

eaue with him Representative Mann of Illinois, who presided in committee of the whole, sustained the Fitzgerald point of order. The amendment was then offered in a nodified form by Representative Tawney who is in charge of the pending bill. Mr. Fitzgerald made a point of order against This will be argued the sub-provision. to-morrow. If the Chair rules out the upplemental provision an appeal may

he taken to the House. The Administration is very anxiou that the powers of the Tariff Board shall be enlarged in order that the board may make inquiries into cost of production here and abroad. Most of the Repubicans favor it, believing that if it is adopted it will go a long way toward allaying hostile criticism against the new tariff law.

ALEXANDRA STAYS IN ENGLAND. Will Always Make Her Home With People She Loves and Who Love Her.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 28 .- In consequence of circulated to the effect that she intends to make her future home in Denmark to-day. the Queen Mother Alexandra has an-England smong those she dearly loves Tuesday morning. and where for forty-seven years she has been the recipient of countless tokens of affection.

SPECIAL TRAINS FROM ATLANTIC CITY. MICHOGRAPHAN, DAY.
Loave Atlantic City, Menday, Jay 36, Pennsylvania Rallroad, 636 P. M. and 539 P. M. Parise

KILLED BY HIS OWN BOMB. SPITZER, FREE, CONFESSES ipanish Anarchist Victim of Wanton Out-

rage in Streets of Madrid. Special Casle Despatch to THE SUN. MADRID, May 23.-A bomb was exploded to-night near the monument commemorating the victims of May 31,

The manipulator of the infernal machine vas killed.

It is stated that he is known to have

een an anarchist. According to a late story the man threw the bomb at the monument with the evident intention of destroying it. This story says that he shot himself while being pursued by the police.

The victims of May 31, 1906, were those who were killed by the infernal machine thrown at King Alfonso and Queen Vicbetween these young fire eaters had to toria as they drove to the palace in Madrid after their wedding ceremony

> TAKES STEPFATHERS NAME. M. L. Oreutt's Daughter Chooses to Be

Miss Med'lelland. Miss Jessie M. Orcutt of 309 West Nine because of Poligny's leg, which was trou-bling him again. Six shots were exchanged Court Justice McCall yesterday to drop her father's name because "the name Orcutt is repugnant, being associated in the petitioner's mind with that of a man whose conduct toward his wife, the petitioner's mother, was such as to justify

her in obtaining a divorce. The petitioner's father is Minard L. Orcutt, now living in Los Angeles, who was divorced in 1897. Mrs. Orcutt married William F. McClelland, a real estate implicate Heike, secretary of the company, broker, in 1900, and in telling the Court why she wants to take the name of Mc-Clelland Miss Orcutt says she has been treated by Mr. McClelland as one of his own blood. The change will be of pe- at the trial he went before the Grand therit the entire residuary estate of Mr. McClelland if her mother dies before him or with him.

GUESSES ON ADJOURNMENT. ongress Legislators Place It Somewh

Between July 1 and July 18. WASHINGTON, May 23. Several legis lators who called at the White House to-day gave their views on the date of

adjournment of Congress. "I think it will be about July 15," said Champ Clark, leader of the minority in the House. "Put me down for July 1," was Repre

ntative Nick Longworth's guess. "I'll take some of that July 1," nator Smoot of Utah. "It'll hardly be as late as July 15." marked Senator Crane of Massachusetts About the middle of July," predicted

nator Dick of Ohio. "We ought to get away before July 1," aid the optimistic Mr. Crumpacker Indiana.

BROKEN HEADS IN CORK. Difference of Opinion Still On Between

O'Brienites and Redmondites. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN CORE. May 23 -The battle between the O'Brienites and the Redmondites was renewed in the streets here this

ing broken skulls.

A number of policemen were hurt by flying stones. COURT FOUR MONTHS BEHIND.

The Excise Violations Cases Pile Up and None Has Reen Tried. The number of the violations of excise

of the Mayor's went into effect six weeks those higher up." ago, but not one of the cases has come to trial, because the Court of Special

BLOCK STEAMER INQUISITION. People Arriving in Canada Refuse Answer Irrelevant Questions.

Attorney

MONTBEAL, May 23.-Canada's new immigration regulations were the cause of a short but successful mutiny on the wheels were set revolving whereby board the White Star Dominion Line steamer Megantic, which arrived here to-day.

It appears that pursers of vessels have orders to make every passenger of no matter what class fill up forms containing long lists of questions. Several first class passengers refused. The refusal spread to the second cabin and when the ster arrived in port to-day only the third class passengers had obeyed orders. The sestions are not relevant, the passengers argued, and had nothing to do with their

soming to this country. When immigration officers boarded the reasel they were unable to show any authority to ask the questions. Capt. Smith refused to keep the people on board until Ottewa could be cor with, and they eventually landed victorious.

BOY MURDERED BARON. France Worried by Continued Reign of

Violence Bespite the Guillotine. Special Cable Despatch to Tan Sun. Pants, May 23.-The murderer of the aged Baron Montrond, who was found dead in an ancient castle in Brittany, was arrested just outside Paris this afternoon.

confessed in the most matter of fact The newspapers teem with accounts of a series of crimes which reach to ab- was not handed over to Spitzer, however, the repeated stories which have been normal proportions. No fewer than and he remained in custody. nineteen cases of assault were reported

The press finds small consolation in nounced that she will continue to live in the fact that the guillotine works every

> indictments by Bockefeller Jury. The special Grand Jury that has been eventigating the traffic in women handed several indictments yesterday, was understood that employees

PRICE TWO CENTS.

PRESIDENT TAFT SURPRISES

DEFENCE IN SUGAR TRIAL.

Pardon, Handed to Spitzer at the Court Room Boor, Flourished When His Competency to Testify is Questioned - He Invented the Steel Spring Device Implicates Others Directly, but the

Main Office Only Indirectly-Brue-

zinski is Arrested on His Evidence. A pardon from the President of the United States was put into the hand of Oliver Spitzer in the Federal Building yesterday and the next minute he was testifying for the prosecution in the sugar underweighing trials and confessing to systematic underweighing by the sugar

trust for many years. For all the defence knew, until he anpeared, Spitzer was in prison in Atlanta under conviction for the frauds committed at the Havemeyers & Elder dook. But President Taft signed his pardon on May 19, the day following a confession Spitzer had made to Special Prosecutor Stimson. The pardon was kept a secret until the very moment that Spitzer was called.

As a witness Spitzer described in da tail the weighing frauds and gave evidence apparently connecting Gerbracht. the general superintendent, and Bendernagel, the cashier, who are among the present defendants. He did not directly with whom, he said, he had only a slight acquaintance, Heike being in the Wall street office all the time. After testifying uniary advantage to her because she will Jury, and the indictment and arrest of James O. Brzezinski, once a secret service man, employed in the Sugar cases, followed. Mr. Spitzer went home to Flatbush to his wife and children, which he had not been allowed to do before.

> Had the ceiling of the Circuit Court oom fallen upon them the surprise of the five lawyers representing the defendants could hardly have been greater than it was at the opening of the session yesterday when Prosecutor Stimson suddenly called out the name of Spitzer and they saw walk into the court room behind the towering form of Chief Flynn of the secret service the man supposed to be in the big Federal prison at Atlanta taking his medicine. Their surprise was even greater when he pulled from his pocket, in response to their objection to a convict's testimony, a pardon from the President. George MacKellar and Clarence Lexow, counsel for Gerbracht and Bendernagel, had been Spitzer's lawyers at his trial. They found the man whom they had defended suddenly facing them again on the stand, eager to contradict his former testimony. Having been his lawyers, furthermore, they were unable to cross-examine him, though his testimony bore directly on their clients in the present case. To give them time to get another lawyer to do this Spitzer's crossexamination was postponed.

Twenty men were treated at the local to was that from the time that they were infirmary for various injuries, includ- ostensibly suspended, following the discovery of the frauds, right up until they were sent to jail, the sugar trust paid the wages of himself and the checkers convicted with him, the money being brought to him by Gerbracht at Spitzer's house and Spitzer distributing it to the others. The payments stopped when Spitzer started for Atlanta and the others for Blackwell's Island, and it is recalled that when Spitlaw reported on Sunday last dwindled |zer started for the penitentiary he remarked bitterly that the company had made a scapegoat of him after twenty-There have been nearly 900 complaints nine years of faithful service "because of excise violations since the new order somebody had to go to prison to save

From the moment he went to Atlanta on a two year sentence his relatives have Sessions is nearly four months behind been trying to get him out. From time in its calendar, according to the District to time secret service men have visited him in jail, but it was not until Chief Flynn made a visit to the prison ten days ago that Spitzer said he was ready to make a clean breast of it. He told Flynn that he was willing to make this confession to either Mr. Stimson or to his assistant Winfred T. Denison. Flynn quickly wired the information to Mr. Stimson, and then Spitzer was to make his confession with out a whisper of it reaching the defence and to appear dramatically in court as he did yesterday with the President's pardon

The first step in this was to secure the prisoner's transfer from Atlanta to a point nearer to this city. This was arranged by Attorney-General Wickersham and last Tuesday Spitzer was brought north by the secret service men and taken b the Essex county penitentiary at Caldwell, N. J. He was a Federal prisoner still, but the Government frequently

boards its prisoners at county jails. On Wednesday, while the present trial was in progress, Mr. Stimson, with one of his assistants, Felix Frankfurter, journeved out to the Caldwell jail in an auto mobile. They spent nearly all day with Spitzer. It was given out that Stimson had been called suddenly to Huntington.

L. I., that day. Having secured from Spitzer the confession which they had sought for many months their step was to secure a pardor in order to allow him to testify, was necessary because under the Federal law a prisoner convicted and serving a sentence for what is known as a crimes He is a lad about 18 years of age and falsi cannot be called as a witness when he was accused of the crime he Through Attorney-General Wickersha Mr. Stimson conveyed the facts regard. ing the confession to the President and Mr. Taft then signed the pardon. It

> Early yesterday morning, before the court house opened up for business, Flynn brought Spitzer over to a room on an upper floor and there kept him until Mr. seen had his name called out in court. Then he brought him down and at the door handed him the pardon of the Presi-

> Spitzer has lost twenty-alx pounds in the three months he has spent in jail,

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